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SUBJECT: UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA MEETING, KINSHASA

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1. THUS FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY GURC OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE MEETING. GIVEN GURC'S STANDARD PRACTICE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN NAMES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS. HOWEVER, NAMES WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AND IF OBTAINED.

2. AS REPORTED REFTELS, GURC SUPPORTS NIEO AND IS MEMBER OF TWO COMMISSIONS (DEVELOPMENT AND RAW MATERIALS) AT CIEC. IN GENERAL, GURC IS MODERATE NON-OIL-PRODUCING THIRD WORLD COUNTRY (EDDC) BUT IS ALSO FIRM BELIEVER IN STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY. (FYI MODEST COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION AT 400-600,000 TON LEVEL EXPECTED START 1978) GURC'S PRIORITY IS ON COMMODITY POLICY AS CAMEROON DERIVES ABOUT HALF ITS FOREIGN EARNINGS FROM COFFEE AND COCOA. CONTROL OVER MULTINATIONALS, DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS ARE ALSO PRIMARY AREAS OF INTEREST.

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3. GURC ALONG WITH OTHERS WILL DEFINITELY BE WATCHING STATEMENT OF US REP FOR ANY INDICATIONS OF INCREASED WILLINGNESS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE NEEDED CONCESSIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MOVEMENT AT CIEC. WHILE GURC VIEWS USG AS FRIENDLY, IT IS ALSO VERY MUCH AWARE OF OUR PAST OPPOSITION TO MANY OF THEIR POSITIONS AND OF OUR LACK OF QUOTE POLITICAL WILL END QUOTE TO MAKE

THE CONCESSIONS NEEDED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER
TO BE A MORE EQUITABLE ECONOMIC ORDER.

4. WE ARE UNAWARE IF SUBJECT WILL ARISE AT THE MEETING, BUT WE
HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE IS A PLAN BY THE ECA TO ESTABLISH
AN ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN STATES TO UTILIZE AND DISSEMINATE ERTS
SATELLITE DATA TO AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. SOME MEMBERS OF ECA
SECRETARIAT ARE REPORTED CONSIDERING YAOUNDE AS THE SITE OF THE
SECRETARIAT. THIS EMBASSY FULLY SUPPORTS THE SELECTION OF YAOUNDE.
INTELSAT HAS LOCATED ONE OF ITS SATELLITE MONITORING AND CONTROL
ANTENNAS IN YAOUNDE AND A SECOND IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS A
TRIBUTE TO THE EXPECTED LONGEVITY OF PRESENT GURC POLICIES (AND
PERSONNEL), AND TO GURC'S ROLE AS A MODERATE IN INTER-AFRICAN
AFFAIRS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED ALSO THAT AT THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE,
THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE NAMED CAMEROON
AS THE SOLE COORDINATOR FOR THE QUOTE DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION
OF EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS IN ORDER TO CREATE AND
TO REINFORCE A RATIONAL SYSTEM OF SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL, AND
INTERREGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS END QUOTE.
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